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In re Application of
Steven M. Burns et al
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.183, filed January 15, 2002, to suspend the requirements of 37 CFR 1.85(b).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that Figures 1 through 8 presently in the instant application be released temporarily for the purpose of duplicating these drawings. The release of these drawings is sought due to the fact that no other copies of these drawings exist.

Justice would be served by waiving the prohibition of 37 CFR 1.85(b) against releasing drawings from patent files. Accordingly, petitioner is authorized to have the drawings released until such time that copies thereof can be produced. The application file will be held in the Petitions Office where the photomicrographs may be picked up and returned after completion of the producing process.


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